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SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It 19	s hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to <b>DECEMBER 24, 2006</b> for
	filing a response to the Official Action dated:
	responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
	filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
	responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
	filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
	A Notice of Appeal was filed on: JULY 24, 2006 and a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is filed herewith.
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.
The required fee of \$1,020.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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